



DeSoto State Park and park partners like Little River Canyon National Preserve, Jacksonville State University Field School, One World Adventure Company, Little River Arts Council, Seven Pines Survival and more, team up to bring you many fun events throughout the year.

Campfire Talks, Classes, Demonstrations, Guided Interpretive or Fitness Hikes, Tours, Outdoor Adventures, Workshops.....topics covering art, science, nature, and much more!

Most programs are free, or charge a small supply fee.

DeSoto State Park also adds community events such as classes, festivals, workshops, local craft shows, etc to our calendar so that we can help our guests and visitors make their visit to Lookout Mountain, Alabama even more memorable.

For more events on Lookout Mountain, see [www.discoverlookoutmountain.com](http://www.discoverlookoutmountain.com)



Alabama State Parks, a division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, operates and maintains 22 parks encompassing approximately 48,000 acres of land and water. These parks rely on visitor fees and the support of other partners like local communities to fund the majority of their operations.

For more information on Alabama State Parks, visit [www.alapark.com](http://www.alapark.com)

## DeSoto State Park's Campfire Talk Series



Campfire Talks are a series of educational & entertaining programs located in the great outdoors. Campfire programs are held almost every Friday & Saturday evening (May –October) in DeSoto's James L. Wynn Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. All programs are open & free to everyone. *Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable chair if you wish. In case of bad weather, programs are moved inside.*

### Serious Skills Series

Hosted by DeSoto State Park. The Serious Skills series is a variety of classes and workshops that provide opportunities to discover a hidden talent or learn a new skill for personal enrichment. Classes are open to local residents, overnight guests and park visitors.



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# November 2018

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## Falconry in Alabama

Falconry is the hunting of wild animals in their natural state and habitat by means of a trained bird of prey. Join DSP staff and Matt Whitfield to learn about falconry, which is one of the world's oldest forms of hunting. Falconry is currently practiced in many countries around the world. In Alabama, the most commonly used bird is the red-tailed hawk and squirrel is the most commonly pursued game animal. There are currently 58 permitted falconers in the state.

Matt is a licensed Falconer in the State of Alabama and has a captive bred Harris Hawk and a wild caught Red Tailed Hawk he will be bringing. Come on out to meet them and learn about these beautiful birds!

Date: Friday, November 16, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Inside Nature Center, next to Country Store on County Road 89

Fee: free, and open to everyone, Great for all ages! For any info call 256.997.5025 or email [Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov)

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## 2018 Hike Series: 3rd Annual Day after Thanksgiving Hike

Join us for this gathering the day after Thanksgiving. Spend the morning hiking in the beautiful Little River Canyon area with our staff.

Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather.

WEATHER: As with all outdoor events, if it's raining/stormy or very poor trail conditions, we may have to cancel. If the weather is questionable, please check with the park before leaving home. Please make every effort to arrive early or on time so that you do not hold up the group.

Date: Friday, November 23, 2018

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center (within 10 miles of DeSoto State Park)

Time: 10:00 am (CST)

Fee: Free; call 256-845-3548 for more details

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# December 2018

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## Art in the Alley

Fort Payne, Alabama

Local Music, Art, Food and shopping in Historic Downtown Fort Payne

Join Boom Town Makers Market, a project of Landmarks, Fort Payne Main Street, and the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce for Art in the Alley every 1st Thursday of the month at 5 pm. Enjoy local art - and meet the artists, food vendors, and entertainment as we work to develop downtown Fort Payne's entertainment district. Various downtown stores will be open.

Date: December 6, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: Boom Town Makers Market-Fort Payne, Alabama (with 10 miles of DeSoto State Park)

Fee: Free & open to everyone. More info: [www.facebook.com/BoomTownMakersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/BoomTownMakersMarket)

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## Dixie Mountaintop Market

Mentone, Alabama

Hosted by Little River Arts Council and Moon Lake Baptist Church. All proceeds to benefit Moon Lake Elementary School

Shoppers can browse unique and one-of-a-kind gifts by local artisans, listen to music, & visit with Santa. Free gift wrapping available. Stop by, get some gift-shopping in, and support your local artists and makers!

Date: December 7-8, 2018

Time: 10am-4pm each day

Where: Moon Lake Baptist Church- Inside Arlene Fowler Youth Center (4671 AL-117, Mentone, AL 35984)

Within 10 miles of DeSoto State Park

Info: Event is free & open to everyone.

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## Canyon Christmas

An annual tradition to celebrate the season that is filled with holiday spirit and activities including Christmas arts and crafts, a gift shop, puppet shows, and a visit with photos with Santa, and more!

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2018

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center (within 10 miles of DeSoto State Park)

Time: 10 am- 3 pm (CST)

Fee: Most activities are free...call 256-845-3548 for more details/ schedule





For even more fun local events,  
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